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SUBJECT: DISCRIMINATION IN BOYCOTT: GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION

REF: STATE 10639

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS PARA 3 OF REFTEL, EMBASSY ECONOMIC OFFICER CALLED ON MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND FOREIGN TRADE IMADI (WHOSE MINISTRY INCLUDES SYRIAN BOYCOTT OFFICE) TO DISCUSS ALLEGATIONS REFTEL. IMADI EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT SYRIAN GOVERNMENT BOYCOTT OFFICE WOULD "DO ANYTHING SO SILLY" AS TO GET EXCITED EVERYTIME SOMEONE BOUGHT A FEW SHARES OF GENERAL MOTORS STOCK. IMADI THEN CALLED IN CHIEF OF BOYCOTT SECTION WHO DENIED CATEGORICALLY THAT ANY SUCH REQUEST HAD BEEN MADE.

2. ECONOMIC OFFICER THEN CALLED ON IMPORT-EXPORT TRADING COMPANY (IMPEX) DESCRIBED REFTEL WHICH IS THE GENERAL MOTORS DISTRIBUTOR IN SYRIA. PRESIDENT OF IMPEX, ALI AYOUBI ALSO DENIED ANY SUCH REQUEST HAD EVER BEEN FORWARDED BY HIS FIRM. MR. AYOUBI PULLED HIS BOYCOTT FILE AND AS PROOF SHOWED IT PAGE BY PAGE TO ECONOMIC
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OFFICER. MR. AYOUBI THEN TELEPHONED DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ARAB LEAGUE CENTRAL BOYCOTT OFFICE HAYDAR KOUDMANI IN ECONOMIC OFFICER'S HEARING. KOUDMANI ALSO DENIED ANY SUCH REQUEST HAD EVER BEEN MADE TO GENERAL MOTORS. HE ADDED A COMMENT THAT IT IS A COMMON ISRAELIE PRACTICE TO HAVE BLACKLISTED ORGANIZATIONS PURCHASE A FEW SHARES OF STOCK OF FIRMS NOT BOYCOTTED AND THEN

NOTIFY THE BOYCOTT OFFICE THROUGH CUTOUTS. THE BOYCOTT OFFICE USUALLY IGNORES THESE PLOYS. KOUDMANI SUGGESTED TO AYOUBI THAT THIS MAY BE A NEW TWIST TO AN OLD TRICK. AYOUBI REQUESTS THAT HE BE GIVEN COPIES OF THE DOCUMENTS HIS FIRM IS ALLEGED TO HAVE SENT TO GENERAL MOTORS AS DESCRIBED IN PARA. 2 OF REFTEL.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: FORWARD TO EMBASSY DAMASCUS FOR TRANSMISSION TO AYOUBI COPIES OF DOCUMENTS DESCRIBED ABOVE.
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